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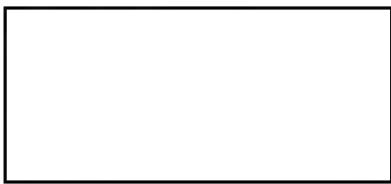
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NOTE

PAKISTAN: PRESIDENT YAHYA KHAN'S SUGGESTION  
THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO MAKE AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO THE  
US IN MAY OR JUNE 1971.

IMPLIES THAT HE MAY REMAIN  
IN POWER LONGER THAN PREVIOUSLY INDICATED. YAHYA  
HAS ALLOTTED THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY, SCHEDULED  
TO BE ELECTED 7 DECEMBER, 120 DAYS TO DRAFT A CON-  
STITUTION, A TIME FRAME THAT WOULD TERMINATE ABOUT  
THE END OF APRIL. YAHYA MAY THINK THE ASSEMBLY  
WILL BE UNABLE TO AGREE ON A CONSTITUTION, IN WHICH  
CASE HE HAS SAID HE WOULD CALL FOR A NEW ASSEMBLY  
WHILE CONTINUING AS PRESIDENT. ALTERNATIVELY, HE  
MAY BELIEVE THAT IF THE ASSEMBLY DOES FORMULATE A  
SUITABLE CONSTITUTION, HE WILL BE CHOSEN PRESIDENT.  
IN ANY EVENT, YAHYA MADE NO SLIP IN SUGGESTING THE  
DATE, AS HE CAREFULLY COUNTED OFF THE MONTHS.

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